



STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: **Limiting the allowable blood alcohol content for drivers to .08 percent.**

The Washington State Liquor Control Board endorses and encourages the enactment of legislation that would reduce the threshold blood alcohol concentration from .10 to .08 percent. We believe that reducing the permissible blood alcohol concentration (BAC) could serve as an effective deterrent to over consumption, encourage moderation and contribute to a reduction in the number of alcohol related injuries and fatalities on our highways.

The enactment of legislation lowering the blood alcohol content supports the mission of the Board which is to serve the public by preventing misuse of alcohol and tobacco through education, enforcement, and a controlled distribution system.

More than 300 alcohol related traffic fatalities in this state last year are ample justification for the enactment of this legislation. We also note that seventeen other states already have taken similar action. Studies in other states that have enacted the .08 standard show significant reductions in deaths of drivers with a BAC of .08 or above.

In taking this action we remind our liquor licensees that the board's enforcement policies do not establish a numerical standard and instead prohibit the sale of alcohol to anyone who appears intoxicated *no matter what their actual blood alcohol content.*

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**DEFENDANT'S
EXHIBIT**

CASE
NO. C04-0360P

EXHIBIT
NO. 530

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